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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the preservation of and access to historical
2 court records.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5286YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 602.1615 HISTORICAL RECORD
1 2 PRESERVATION.
1 3 The clerk of the district court shall consult with a
1 4 recognized county historical society or association to ensure
1 5 preservation of historical court records and to provide public
1 6 access to such records as provided in section 602.8103.
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 602.8103, subsection 3, Code Supplement
1 8 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 9 3. After the original record is reproduced and after
1 10 approval of a majority of the judges of the district court by
1 11 court order, destroy the original records including, but not
1 12 limited to, dockets, journals, scrapbooks, files, and marriage
1 13 license applications. The order shall state the specific
1 14 records which are to be destroyed. An original court file
1 15 shall not be destroyed until after consultation with a
1 16 recognized historical society or association, and the contents
1 17 have been reproduced. As used in this subsection and
1 18 subsection 4, "destroy" includes the transmission of the
1 19 original records which are of general historical interest to
1 20 any recognized historical society or association.

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1 22 EXPLANATION
1 23 This bill relates to the preservation of and access to
1 24 historical court records.
1 25 The bill requires the clerk of the district court to
1 26 consult with a recognized county historical society or
1 27 association prior to the destruction of a court file to ensure
1 28 the preservation of and public access to such records.
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